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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The week was moderately cold, with light to moderate snow over the southeastern portion, and no precipitation elsewhere. There was little wind.

CROPS Harvesting of corn has been delayed further because of unfavorable weather conditions. Returns indicate that 84% of the crop had been husked by December 13 as compared to 76% of the husking completed to the same date a year ago. Snow and especially thawing in the fields make it very difficult to operate mechanical pickers. Very little corn is moving to market.

The present winter wheat outlook generally ranges from good to excellent, except for the late seeding in the two southern tiers of counties extending from Gosper and Frontier east to the Missouri River. The present surface soil moisture supply is ample throughout the State. Part of the fields are still covered with snow. Because of the continued low temperatures, ice has remained on the fields for 10 days or so and there is beginning to be a little apprehension as to how this might affect the wheat. The fact that the ground is wet and packed underneath which excludes the air makes the plant a little more vulnerable. Ordinarily, ice does not damage wheat. The December 1 estimate on the 1948 wheat crop will be released December 18.

Rain and snow prevented the harvesting of some of the sugar beets. Estimates of unharvested beets in the North Platte Valley range up to 5%, from 3 to 4% in the Lincoln County area, and a little in a few other places. Beets are frozen in. Carlot shipments of potatoes are considerably behind the movement to date last year.

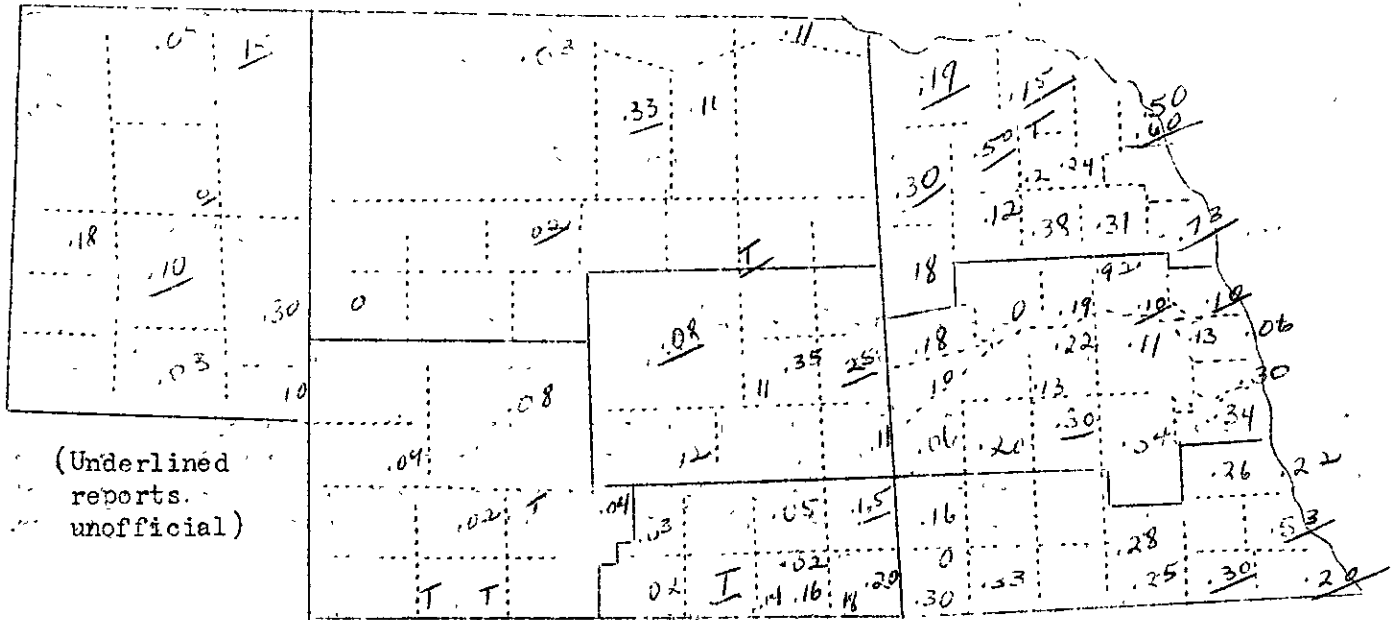
LIVESTOCK Indications so far are for reduction in cattle feeding operations this season, but an increase in lamb feeding. There are more reports of difficulty getting corn even at above market prices. Reports indicate that some hogs have been marketed at light weights and that a heavier market movement might be expected after January 1. The December pig survey which will give the size of the fall pig crop and farmers intentions as to spring farrowing will be released December 18. There is more than usual interest in the pig surveys because of the reduced corn crop and the effects this may have on next year's production of pork in view of the impending shortage of meat. Cold, stormy weather since November 1 has more than the usual amount of hay in November.

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WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 15, 1947

<u>Eastern Division</u>		<u>Central Division</u>		<u>Western Division</u>	
Grand Island	.01	Burwell	0	Chadron	0
Lincoln	.25	North Platte	0	Hayes Center	0
Norfolk	0	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	0
Omaha	.12			Sidney	0
Sioux City	0				

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 13, 1947



(Underlined reports.
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HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hours ending 6:30 a.m.)

		Dec. 9th		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	26	11	30	7	31	7	30	15	35	10	41	28	41	14
	Scottsbluff	26	15	32	8	32	7	32	9	34	6	42	30	45	16
	Sidney	25	20	34	5	36	4	34	7	33	6	46	24	46	22
N-C	Burwell	18	13	28	-2	31	0	32	8	37	--	44	22	49	14
	Valentine	20	15	33	7	31	7	33	18	36	18	42	31	45	14
NE	Norfolk	14	2	25	8	30	2	27	7	32	5	38	24	45	15
	Sioux City	14	-4	23	22	30	2	27	3	27	6	37	23	44	12
Cen.	Grand Island	21	13	26	9	37	12	33	13	37	15	38	25	47	21
E-C	Lincoln	22	18	25	23	29	10	26	11	33	17	38	25	38	19
	Omaha	24	14	25	24	32	15	24	8	35	13	40	26	39	17
SW	Hayes Center	23	22	34	5	34	7	33	14	32	9	44	24	45	18
	North Platte	22	16	31	0	31	3	32	5	35	7	41	18	46	15

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